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FOR ASST SEC TODMAN

FOLLOWING GUATEMALA 5034 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BELIZE
LONDON SAN JOSE AUG. 10, 1977 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5034

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR GT UK BH

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVIEW

REF: SAN JOSE 3653

1. DURING A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES
TODAY ON OTHER BUSINESS, HE FIRST RAISED WITH ME THE QUESTION
OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT ABOUT BELIZE IN SAN JOSE.
HE TOLD ME THEY WERE UPSET BY THIS STATEMENT WHICH
WAS VERY DAMAGING AND WEAKENED GUATEMALA'S POSITION.
HE SAID IT HELPED THE BRITISH, WHO DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP. HE
SAID THAT THEY HAD REGARDED THE UNITED STATES AS THE ONLY
COUNTRY THEY COULD TRUST ON BELIZE, HAD LOOKED TO US AS AN
HONEST BROKER.

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2. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I HAD ACTUALLY COME TO SEE HIM TO TALK
ABOUT RATIFICATION OF SAN JOSE PACT, BUT THAT WE HAD BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON ON THE BELIZE POINT AND I COULD
GIVE HIM THE STATEMENT WHICH WE WERE PROVIDING THE PRESS
IN ANSWER TO QUERIES ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT.
AFTER READING THIS STATEMENT, MOLINA SAID IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL AND ASKED IF HE COULD USE IT HERE WITH THE NEWSMEN

WHO HAD BEEN SEEKING SOME RESPONSE FROM HIM THIS MORNING.
I SAID THAT HE COULD. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THIS STATE-
MENT WOULD HELP WITH PUBLIC OPINION IN GUATEMALA BUT HE
WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
STATEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF
THE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE LEFT. I POINTED OUT THAT THIS
ANSWER BY OUR PRESS PEOPLE WOULD BE GIVEN OUT IN WASHINGTON
SO THAT IT SHOULD REACH THE OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. I
SAID I WAS SORRY ABOUT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BUT I THOUGHT OUR
POSITION WAS CLEAR FFROM THE PRESS ANSWER. BOSTER UNQUOTE
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